

## GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE

Bills to be Signed by the Governor on May 19, 2011

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HB 71

### **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**

CREATION OF STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2011, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 1996, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, AND 2010

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$949,102,501, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified matching fund requirements by specified dates; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 72

### **The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**

BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2011

Altering or repealing required appropriations; altering the distribution of revenues; altering or repealing specified funding requirements; altering the authorized use of specified funds; altering for a specified fiscal year a specified percentage used to determine eligibility for and the amount of State grants to specified counties and Baltimore City based on per capita yield of county income taxes; altering the amount of a surcharge imposed for recording specified instruments for specified fiscal years; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

**SB 178      The President (By Request – Administration), et al****CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD NEGLECT**

Prohibiting a parent, family member, household member, or other person who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of a minor from neglecting the minor; establishing the misdemeanor of child neglect and providing specified penalties for a violation of the Act; establishing that a sentence imposed under the Act is in addition to a specified other sentence, except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 162      The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD NEGLECT**

Prohibiting a parent, family member, household member, or other person who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of a minor from neglecting the minor; establishing the misdemeanor of child neglect and providing specified penalties for a violation of the Act; establishing that a sentence imposed under the Act is in addition to a specified other sentence, except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 176      The President (By Request – Administration), et al****MARYLAND ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL**

Establishing the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; specifying the membership and staffing of the Council; requiring the Governor to designate the chair or cochairs of the Council; prohibiting members of the Council from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Council to submit an interim report on or before January 1, 2012, and a final report on or before December 1, 2012; defining a term; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 167      The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****MARYLAND ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL**

Establishing the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; specifying the membership and staffing of the Council; requiring the Governor to designate the chair or cochairs of the Council; prohibiting members of the Council from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Council to submit an interim report on or before January 1, 2012, and a final report on or before December 1, 2012; defining a term; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 163      The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****INCOME TAX – TAX CREDIT FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT**

Allowing a State income tax credit for tax years 2011, 2012, and 2013 only, for 20% of the cost of qualified electric vehicle recharging equipment placed in service by a taxpayer during a taxable year; providing for administration of the tax credit by the Maryland Energy Administration; limiting the credit to taxpayers receiving initial tax credits from the Administration; limiting the tax credit to \$400 for each individual recharging system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 179      The President (By Request – Administration), et al****ELECTRIC COMPANIES – PILOT PROGRAM FOR CHARGING ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a pilot program for charging electric vehicles by June 30, 2013; authorizing an electric company to request to participate in the pilot program; requiring the pilot program to include incentives for residential, commercial, and governmental customers to recharge electric vehicles in ways that will accomplish specified goals; requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the program by February 1, 2015; permitting specified additional pilot programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 164****The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****ELECTRIC COMPANIES – PILOT PROGRAM FOR CHARGING ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a pilot program for charging electric vehicles by June 30, 2013; authorizing an electric company to request to participate in the pilot program; requiring the pilot program to include incentives for residential, commercial, and governmental customers to recharge electric vehicles in ways that will accomplish specified goals; requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the program by February 1, 2015; permitting specified additional pilot programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 380****Senator Pinsky and the President (By Request – Administration), et al****ELECTRICITY – NET ENERGY METERING**

Altering the period during which an eligible customer-generator may accrue specified net excess generation; requiring a specified electric company to carry forward net excess generation until a specified consumption eliminates the net excess generation or specified accrual period expires; altering how the dollar value of a specified net excess generation is calculated; repealing a requirement that specified generation credit appear on the eligible customer-generator's bill in a dollar amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**HB 860****Delegate McHale and the Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****ELECTRICITY – NET ENERGY METERING**

Altering the period during which an eligible customer-generator may accrue specified net excess generation; requiring a specified electric company to carry forward net excess generation until a specified consumption eliminates the net excess generation or a specified accrual period expires; altering how the dollar value of a specified net excess generation is calculated; repealing a requirement that specified generation credit appear on the eligible customer-generator's bill in a dollar amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**SB 717      Senator Garagiola and the President (By Request – Administration), et al**

**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS – SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEMS**

Providing that energy from a specified solar water heating system is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; providing that a person that owns and operates a specified solar water heating system shall receive a specified renewable energy credit under specified circumstances; requiring the total amount of energy generated and consumed by a nonresidential or commercial solar water heating system to be measured by a specified meter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

**HB 933      Delegate Jameson and the Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS – SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEMS**

Providing that energy from a specified solar water heating system is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; providing that a person that owns and operates a specified solar water heating system shall receive a specified renewable energy credit under specified circumstances; requiring the total amount of energy generated and consumed by a nonresidential or commercial solar water heating system to be measured by a specified meter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

**HB 173      The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

**BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – INVEST MARYLAND PROGRAM**

Establishing an Invest Maryland Program; establishing the Maryland Venture Fund Authority in the Department of Business and Economic Development; providing for the membership, terms, and duties of the Authority; requiring members of the Authority to file financial disclosures; allowing specified companies to purchase credits against the insurance premium tax in order to fund qualified investments in businesses in the State; providing for the administration of the credit by the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 1025      The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****STATE GOVERNMENT – LAND ACQUISITIONS AND TRANSFERS OF PROPERTY**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to negotiate land acquisitions under specified circumstances; requiring the Department to obtain two independent appraisals of a property before acquiring it; requiring specified land acquisition contracts to be approved by the Board of Public Works; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 847      The President (By Request – Administration) and Senator Klausmeier****NATURAL RESOURCES – AQUACULTURE**

Making the Department of Natural Resources responsible for the employment of the State's Aquaculture Coordinator; transferring specified seafood-related programs, funds, and organizations from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Natural Resources; altering the membership of the Aquaculture Review Board; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue water column leases under specified circumstances; altering provisions relating to the issuance of submerged land leases; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 1039      The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****HORSE RACING – DISTRIBUTION OF VIDEO LOTTERY REVENUES**

Altering distributions from the Purse Dedication Account for horse racing licensees; altering the conditions under which a specified licensee is required to take specified actions in connection with the Bowie Training Center; providing the State with the right of first refusal when a specified training center is no longer required to operate as a specified training center; providing the City of Bowie with the right of second refusal when a specified training center is no longer required to operate as a specified training center; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 2****Senator Colburn, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – REGISTRATION AND DRIVER'S LICENSE  
RENEWAL FEES – NO CHARGE FOR RECIPIENTS OF MEDAL  
OF HONOR**

Prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from charging a recipient of the Medal of Honor a fee for the renewal of the registration of a vehicle or for the renewal of a noncommercial driver's license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 1017****Delegate O'Donnell, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – REGISTRATION AND DRIVER'S LICENSE  
RENEWAL FEES – NO CHARGE FOR RECIPIENTS OF MEDAL  
OF HONOR**

Prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from charging a recipient of the Medal of Honor a fee for the renewal of the registration of a vehicle or for the renewal of a noncommercial driver's license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 19****Senators Colburn and Edwards****VEHICLE LAWS – EXCEPTIONAL HAULING PERMITS – FARM  
PRODUCTS**

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to issue permits for specified vehicles carrying specified products and loads of specified maximum weights to operate in specified areas in specified circumstances and subject to specified conditions; expanding the scope of a permitting process for vehicles that carry specified forest products to include vehicles that carry specified farm products; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**SB 75****Senators Astle and Muse****COMMERCIAL LAW – MARYLAND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT – SCOPE**

Expanding the scope of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act by altering the definition of “consumer” to include an individual who sells or offers for sale to a merchant consumer goods or consumer realty, and altering the definition of “merchant” to include a person who directly or indirectly purchases or offers to purchase any consumer goods or consumer realty and whose business includes paying off consumer debt in connection with the purchase of consumer goods or consumer realty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 128****Delegate Jameson, et al****COMMERCIAL LAW – MARYLAND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT – SCOPE**

Expanding the scope of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act by altering the definition of “consumer” to include an individual who sells or offers for sale to a merchant consumer goods or consumer realty, and altering the definition of “merchant” to include a person who directly or indirectly purchases or offers to purchase any consumer goods or consumer realty and whose business includes paying off consumer debt in connection with the purchase of consumer goods or consumer realty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 88****The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)****MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION – PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Requiring that an evaluation under the Maryland Program Evaluation Act of the Maryland Insurance Administration and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Administration be performed on or before July 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011



**SB 90            The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**

**STATE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS –  
SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2022, the termination provisions relating to authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before July 1, 2021; and requiring the Board to report on regulation of podiatry in the State to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2015.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 102           Senators Pipkin and Colburn**

**CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2011**

Increasing to 26 the times a Class BWTS beer and wine (on-premises) tasting or sampling license may be granted in a calendar year to a person in Caroline County; altering the hours of sale for specified licensees; and requiring that a licensee in the county or an employee of the licensee be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and, except in case of a bona fide emergency, be present during the hours in which alcohol may be sold.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 104           Senator King, et al**

**JUDITH P. HOYER EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION  
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM – ANNUAL REPORT**

Requiring the State Department of Education to include in an annual report specified information relating to the Judith P. Hoyer Early Child Care and Education Enhancement Program and the participating agencies and programs; altering to November 1 of each year the date on or before which the report is to be submitted; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 124****Senator Astle, et al****FLAG DISPLAY ON STATE HOUSE GROUNDS – POW/MIA FLAG AND A FLAG TO HONOR AND REMEMBER INDIVIDUALS WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

Requiring that the POW/MIA flag and a flag to honor and remember members of the armed forces who died in the line of duty be flown on the State House grounds on specified days each year; adding Armed Forces Day and Independence Day to the days on which the POW/MIA flag is to be flown on the State House grounds; requiring the State House Trust to determine the site on the State House grounds where a specified flag will be flown; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 139****Senator Zirkin****FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE**

Altering a ground for absolute divorce by reducing the amount of time required for the parties to have lived separate and apart without cohabitation; repealing a ground for divorce; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 402****Delegates Simmons and Kramer****FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE**

Altering a ground for absolute divorce by reducing the amount of time required for the parties to have lived separate and apart without cohabitation; repealing a ground for divorce; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 154****Senator Colburn, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS – DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT**

Requiring health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse an ambulance service provider directly for covered services under specified circumstances; providing that an insured, a subscriber, or an enrollee of specified health insurance carriers may not be liable to specified ambulance service providers for specified services under specified circumstances; authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations to implement provisions of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

**HB 83****Delegate K. Kelly, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS – DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT**

Requiring health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse an ambulance service provider directly for specified covered services under specified circumstances; providing that an insured, a subscriber, or an enrollee of specified health insurance carriers may not be liable to specified ambulance service providers for specified services under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

**SB 159****Senator Frosh, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER POACHING – HEARING**

Providing that a person who is cited for unlawfully catching oysters may have a specified license revoked under specified circumstances; establishing grounds for license revocation; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to hold a hearing under specified circumstances in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act; requiring the Department to revoke a person's license to catch oysters under specified circumstances; and prohibiting a person from engaging or working in a specified fishery under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 273****Delegate Gilchrist, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER POACHING – HEARING**

Providing that a person who is cited for unlawfully catching oysters may have a specified license revoked under specified circumstances; establishing grounds for license revocation; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to hold a hearing under specified circumstances in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act; requiring the Department to revoke a person's license to catch oysters under specified circumstances; and prohibiting a person from engaging or working in a specified fishery under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 163****Senator Brinkley, et al****ALLEGANY COUNTY, BALTIMORE CITY, CHARLES COUNTY,  
AND FREDERICK COUNTY – BOARDS OF ELECTIONS –  
MEMBERSHIP**

Increasing to five the number of regular members and eliminating substitute members on the Allegany County Board of Elections, the Baltimore City Board of Elections, the Charles County Board of Elections, and the Frederick County Board of Elections; requiring the members of the boards to be of specified political parties; requiring that a vacancy on the boards be filled in a specified manner; and making the Act effective June 6, 2011.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 6, 2011

**SB 188****Senator Kittleman, et al****RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSES – EXEMPTION**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue an annual exemption from the requirement to obtain a recreational fishing license under specified circumstances to a governmental entity or nonprofit organization to take individuals serving or who have served in the armed forces with physical or mental disabilities fishing in specified waters; requiring a specified application form; clarifying that the exemption applies to specified fishing activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**SB 199****Senator Glassman****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – DIRECT  
MAILINGS BY RETIREE ORGANIZATIONS**

Requiring a retiree organization to submit specified information to the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring the Board of Trustees to review specified direct mailing materials before submitting retiree data to a mail processing center; altering the definition of “retiree organization” to expand the definition to include any organization in which State retirees participate and whose purpose is to represent or provide services to the retirees; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

**HB 249 Delegate Proctor****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – DIRECT MAILINGS BY RETIREE ORGANIZATIONS**

Requiring a retiree organization to submit specified information to the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System; requiring the Board of Trustees to review specified direct mailing materials before submitting retiree data to a mail processing center; altering the definition of “retiree organization” to expand the definition to include any organization in which State retirees participate and whose primary purpose is representing or providing services to those retirees; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

**SB 203 Senator Montgomery, et al****HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ACT – “MEDICAL ORDERS FOR LIFE–SUSTAINING TREATMENT” FORM**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems and the State Board of Physicians, to develop and periodically revise a “Medical Orders for Life–Sustaining Treatment” form; requiring specified health care facilities and authorizing other health care providers to use a “Medical Orders for Life–Sustaining Treatment” form; repealing provisions of law relating to the “Instructions on Current Life–Sustaining Treatment Options” form; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 82 Delegates Morhaim and Kipke****HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ACT – “MEDICAL ORDERS FOR LIFE–SUSTAINING TREATMENT” FORM**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems and the State Board of Physicians, to develop and periodically revise a “Medical Orders for Life–Sustaining Treatment” form; requiring specified health care facilities and authorizing other health care providers to use a “Medical Orders for Life–Sustaining Treatment” form; repealing provisions of law relating to the “Instructions on Current Life–Sustaining Treatment Options” form; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 212****Senator Klausmeier, et al****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – DEATH BENEFITS –  
DEPENDENCY**

Providing that specified death benefit provisions of the workers' compensation law apply only to specified covered employees of a municipal corporation or a county, and their dependents; altering the authority of the Workers' Compensation Commission to make determinations of dependency; altering the provisions relating to calculation of death benefits for individuals who are wholly or partly dependent; providing for the amount of death benefits to specified dependents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 417****Delegate Jameson, et al****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – DEATH BENEFITS –  
DEPENDENCY**

Providing that specified death benefit provisions of the workers' compensation law apply only to specified covered employees of a municipal corporation or a county, and their dependents; altering the authority of the Workers' Compensation Commission to make specified determinations of dependency; altering the provisions relating to calculation of death benefits for individuals who are wholly or partly dependent; providing for the amount of death benefits to specified dependents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 228****Senator Glassman, et al****AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT SALES – PRODUCER MOBILE  
FARMER'S MARKET LICENSE – PUBLIC FESTIVAL AND  
EVENT AUTHORIZATION**

Altering a specified definition to exclude the sale of certain raw agricultural products at a public festival or event from regulation as a food service facility; prohibiting a local jurisdiction from requiring a license for the sale of raw agricultural products at a public festival or event; authorizing a producer mobile farmer's market licensee to sell specified products at a public festival or event; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 230**      **Senator King, et al****PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – REQUIRED DENIALS – SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTERS**

Requiring a custodian of records under the Public Information Act to deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains the name, address, telephone number, or electronic mail address of any individual enrolled in or any member of a senior citizen activities center; requiring a custodian to permit inspection of specified information by a person in interest, law enforcement personnel, and emergency personnel; defining terms; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 329**      **Delegate S. Robinson, et al****PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – REQUIRED DENIALS – SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES CENTERS**

Requiring a custodian of records under the Public Information Act to deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains the name, address, telephone number, or electronic mail address of any individual enrolled in or a member of a senior citizen activities center; requiring a custodian to permit inspection of specified information by a person in interest, law enforcement personnel, and emergency services personnel; defining terms; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 253**      **Senator Edwards****GARRETT COUNTY – VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER – APPOINTMENT PROCESS**

Altering the procedures for filling a vacancy in an office of county commissioner in Garrett County by requiring the Governor to use procedures required for other commission counties, subject to the requirement that in Garrett County the nominee or appointee reside in the same commissioner district in which the former county commissioner resided.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 258 Senator Montgomery****STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS –  
LICENSURE AND REGULATION**

Authorizing the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to send license renewal notices by electronic means; altering the amount of the maximum penalty for specified violations from \$5,000 to \$10,000; and altering definitions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 188 Delegate Donoghue****STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS –  
LICENSURE AND REGULATION**

Authorizing the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to send license renewal notices by electronic means; altering the amount of the maximum fine for specified violations from \$5,000 to \$10,000; and altering definitions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 294 Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing  
and Regulation)****STATE BOARD OF PILOTS – LIMITED LICENSES TO PROVIDE  
PILOTAGE**

Increasing by specified amounts the vessel draft lengths for the limited pilotage licenses the State Board of Pilots may issue.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 302 Senator Jones–Rodwell (By Request – Baltimore City  
Administration)****BALTIMORE CITY – ZONING REQUIREMENTS –  
ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS**

Expanding the applicability to Baltimore City of specified provisions related to administrative adjustments to specified zoning requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011



**SB 317 Senator Pinsky, et al****HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – VICTIMS OF CRIMES OF VIOLENCE – DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED**

Prohibiting insurers, based solely on information about an individual's status as a victim of a crime of violence, from taking specified actions relating to a policy of homeowner's insurance; providing that an insurer may not deny payment to a specified innocent coinsured under specified circumstances; limiting payment to an innocent coinsured under specified circumstances; authorizing an insurer to exclude specified property from coverage; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 647 Delegate Braveboy****HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – VICTIMS OF CRIMES OF VIOLENCE – DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED**

Prohibiting insurers, based solely on information about an individual's status as a victim of a crime of violence, from taking specified actions relating to a policy of homeowner's insurance; providing that an insurer may not deny payment to a specified innocent coinsured under specified circumstances; limiting payment to an innocent coinsured under specified circumstances; authorizing an insurer to exclude specified property from coverage, etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 320 Senator Montgomery, et al****ENVIRONMENT – PHOSPHORUS – COMMERCIAL DISHWASHING DETERGENT**

Prohibiting a person from using, selling, manufacturing, or distributing for use or sale commercial dishwashing detergents that contain greater than 0.5 percent of phosphorus by weight after July 1, 2013; and repealing obsolete language.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 53 Delegate Hubbard****ENVIRONMENT – PHOSPHORUS – COMMERCIAL DISHWASHING DETERGENT**

Prohibiting a person from using, selling, manufacturing, or distributing for use or sale commercial dishwashing detergents that contain greater than 0.5 percent phosphorus by weight after July 1, 2013; and repealing obsolete language.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 328****Senator Kasemeyer****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – TRANSFERS – RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAXES**

Altering a prohibition on the imposition of taxes on property transfers by a personal representative without consideration or the recordation of instruments effecting those transfers; prohibiting the imposition of specified taxes on specified transfers of real property to or from specified trusts or the recordation of instruments effecting those transfers; providing exemptions under the recordation tax and State transfer tax relating to specified transfers from an estate and specified transfers to or from specified trusts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 334****Senators Kelley and Frosh****REAL PROPERTY – DEPOSITS ON NEW HOMES – ESCROW ACCOUNTS**

Clarifying the circumstances under which a vendor or builder of a new single-family residential unit is required to deposit money in an escrow account or obtain and maintain a surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit; authorizing the vendor or builder to make withdrawals from an escrow account that consists of sums received to finance the construction of a residential unit to pay for labor and materials; establishing that specified money shall be held in trust; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 379****Delegate Niemann, et al****REAL PROPERTY – DEPOSITS ON NEW HOMES – ESCROW ACCOUNTS**

Clarifying the circumstances under which a vendor or builder of a new single-family residential unit is required to deposit money in an escrow account or obtain and maintain a surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit; authorizing the vendor or builder to make withdrawals from an escrow account under specified circumstances; providing that a banking institution or national banking association at which an escrow account is maintained is not responsible for a withdrawal from the escrow account under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 358      Senator Jones–Rodwell (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****AUDIT RESPONSIBILITIES – STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION, MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION,  
AND STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY**

Requiring the county boards of education to conduct specified audits under specified circumstances; requiring local school systems to reimburse the State for employer contributions for specified employees participating in the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System; providing that the State Department of Education may authorize specified county boards of education and public libraries to conduct specified audits; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 369      Senator Conway****EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUSES – FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS**

Requiring that a school bus be constructed with materials that enable it to meet criteria of the school bus seat upholstery fire block test established by National School Transportation specifications; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration, with the advice of the State Department of Education, to adopt regulations to promote fire safety standards of school buses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 372      Senator Conway****ENVIRONMENT – NITROGEN REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY –  
EVALUATION AND RANKING**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to evaluate and rank all best available nitrogen removal technologies for on-site sewage disposal systems to advise local governments and residents of the State of approved technologies that qualify for funding under the Bay Restoration Fund; requiring the Department to post the evaluation and ranking on the Department's Web site; requiring the Department to provide the evaluation and ranking to a county, municipality, or resident of the State under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**HB 347****Delegate Lafferty****ENVIRONMENT – NITROGEN REMOVAL TECHNOLOGY – EVALUATION AND RANKING**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to evaluate and rank all best available nitrogen removal technologies for on-site sewage disposal systems to advise local governments and citizens of the State of approved technologies that qualify for funding under the Bay Restoration Fund; requiring the Department to make available a specified evaluation and ranking on the Department's Web site; requiring the Department to provide evaluation and ranking information to a county, municipality, or State resident; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**SB 384****Senator Mathias****HEALTH – STATE FACILITIES AND RESIDENTIAL CENTERS – DEFINITION OF ABUSE**

Altering specified definitions of "abuse" for purposes of specified reporting requirements by specifying that "abuse" does not include specified actions that comply with State and federal laws and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene policies.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 346****Delegate Donoghue, et al****HEALTH – STATE FACILITIES AND RESIDENTIAL CENTERS – DEFINITION OF ABUSE**

Altering definitions of "abuse" for purposes of specified reporting requirements by specifying that "abuse" does not include actions that comply with State and federal laws and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene policies.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 392      Senator Shank, et al****WASHINGTON COUNTY – WATER AND SEWER DEBT  
REDUCTION FUND – CONOCOCHIEAGUE INDUSTRIAL  
PRETREATMENT FACILITY**

Repealing provisions of law relating to the Washington County Water and Sewer Debt Reduction Fund; requiring the County Commissioners of Washington County to ensure service of the debt for the Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility from the Washington County general fund and revenues generated by the pretreatment facility; prohibiting the County Commissioners from using the debt service costs for the Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility as a factor in the establishment or adjustment of water and sewer rates; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 397      Senator Klausmeier****TASK FORCE ON THE MEMBERSHIP AND OPERATION OF THE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Establishing the Task Force on the Membership and Operation of the Baltimore County Board of Education; providing for the chairs and staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation but entitling members to reimbursement for specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to make specified findings and recommendations, including recommendations regarding the method of selecting the Baltimore City Board of Education; terminating the Act at the end of December 31, 2011; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 398      Baltimore County Delegation****TASK FORCE ON THE MEMBERSHIP AND OPERATION OF THE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Establishing the Task Force on the Membership and Operation of the Baltimore County Board of Education; providing for the chairs and staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation but entitling members to reimbursement for specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to make specified findings and recommendations, including recommendations regarding the method of selecting the Baltimore County Board of Education; terminating the Act at the end of December 31, 2011; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 398****Senator King, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – SALE OF ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY SOLAR ENERGY AND RESIDENTIAL WIND ENERGY EQUIPMENT – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of electricity generated by specified solar energy equipment or specified residential wind energy equipment for use in residential property owned by an eligible customer-generator.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 502****Delegate Barve, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – SALE OF ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY SOLAR ENERGY AND RESIDENTIAL WIND ENERGY EQUIPMENT – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of electricity generated by specified solar energy equipment or specified residential wind energy equipment for use in residential property owned by an eligible customer-generator.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 400****Senator King, et al****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – CERTIFICATES OF FOREIGN BIRTH – IH-3 VISA**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, on request, to prepare and register a certificate of foreign birth for specified individuals who have been granted an IH-3 visa by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service; and requiring the certificate to be established on receipt of specified documents, including proof of IH-3 visa status.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 1180****Delegate Barkley****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – CERTIFICATES OF FOREIGN BIRTH – IH-3 VISA**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, on request, to prepare and register a certificate of foreign birth for specified individuals who have been granted an IH-3 visa by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service; and requiring the certificate to be established on receipt of specified documents, including proof of IH-3 visa status.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 402      Senators Glassman and Pugh****MOTOR CARRIER COMPANIES – LOCAL PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS – EXEMPTION FROM MOTOR  
CARRIER PERMIT REQUIREMENT**

Providing that a motor carrier permit is not required for a local public transportation system established under a law enacted by the local governing body of a county or municipal corporation; providing that a motor carrier permit is not required for a motor vehicle used by a privately owned transportation company exclusively to provide transportation system services under a specified contract; requiring a privately owned transportation company to obtain a specified motor carrier permit; and repealing exemptions for particular counties.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 410      Senator Raskin****STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS  
ON HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

Providing for original jurisdiction of the District Court for specified actions; prohibiting a person without authorization from the State Highway Administration from placing a sign within the right-of-way of a State highway; clarifying that such signs may be removed by the Administration or other designated agencies; authorizing the Administration or a specified county or municipal corporation government to collect civil penalties and to seek an injunction against specified violations; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 289      Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al****STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS  
ON HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

Providing for original jurisdiction of the District Court for specified actions; prohibiting a person without authorization from the State Highway Administration from placing a sign within the right-of-way of a State highway; clarifying that such signs may be removed by the Administration or other designated agencies; authorizing the Administration or a specified county or municipal corporation government to collect civil penalties and to seek an injunction against specified violations; repealing a reporting requirement; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 414****Senator Frosh****NATURAL RESOURCES – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES –  
ELECTRONIC CITATIONS, INSPECTIONS, AND HEARINGS**

Altering the acknowledgment procedures for citations issued by specified police officers for specified natural resources violations; repealing a hearing requirement that must be met before the Department of Natural Resources may suspend a recreational or commercial fishing license and requiring the Department to provide notice to specified persons of the right to a hearing; authorizing the Department to suspend a recreational or commercial fishing license without a hearing under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 396****Delegate Beidle, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES –  
ELECTRONIC CITATIONS, INSPECTIONS, AND HEARINGS**

Altering the acknowledgment procedures for citations issued by specified police officers for specified natural resources violations; repealing a hearing requirement that must be met before the Department of Natural Resources may suspend a recreational or commercial fishing license and requiring the Department to provide notice to specified persons of the right to a hearing; authorizing the Department to suspend a recreational or commercial fishing license without a hearing under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 421****Senators Edwards and Middleton****PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – ATTAINMENT OF ACQUISITION  
GOALS – INCREASED ALLOCATION FOR LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT**

Altering the amount a local government can spend on development projects after it has attained its acquisition goals under Program Open Space; repealing a limitation on the use of specified funds; authorizing a local government, if it qualifies for specified additional development project funds, to use 25% of the funds for land acquisition, repair or renovation of existing recreational facilities, or capital renewal under specified circumstances; and terminating the Act at the end of May 31, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011



**SB 424      Senators Brochin and Forehand****MOTOR VEHICLES – USE OF TEXT MESSAGING DEVICE  
WHILE DRIVING – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting a person from using a text messaging device to read a text message while operating a motor vehicle; clarifying that a specified prohibition against a person using a text messaging device to write, send, or read a text message while operating a motor vehicle includes a prohibition against writing, sending, or reading an electronic message; and repealing a provision of law that applies the text messaging prohibition to an operator of a motor vehicle only if the motor vehicle is in motion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 196      Delegate Malone, et al****MOTOR VEHICLES – USE OF TEXT MESSAGING DEVICE  
WHILE DRIVING – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting a person from using a text messaging device to read a text message while operating a motor vehicle; clarifying that a specified prohibition against a person using a text messaging device to write, send, or read a text message while operating a motor vehicle includes a prohibition against writing, sending, or reading an electronic message; and repealing a provision of law that applies the text messaging prohibition to an operator of a motor vehicle only if the motor vehicle is in motion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 430      Senator Klausmeier****BALTIMORE COUNTY – PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES –  
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNITS**

Requiring the Board of Education of Baltimore County to meet and confer with an employee organization that represents specified certificated and noncertificated employees by November 1, 2011, regarding the job titles to be included in the unit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 683****Delegate Jones, et al****BALTIMORE COUNTY – PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNITS**

Requiring the Board of Education of Baltimore County to meet and confer with an employee organization representing specified certificated and noncertificated employees by November 1, 2011, regarding the job titles to be included in the unit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 431****Senator Klausmeier (By Request – Baltimore County Administration)****BALTIMORE COUNTY – TAX SALES – NOTIFICATION**

Eliminating a requirement that in Baltimore County the collector post a statement and notice on a property before the property is advertised for sale at a tax sale; eliminating a fee related to tax sales; including among the allowable expenses relating to specified tax sales in Baltimore County a fee that may be established by the County Executive and subject to review by the County Council of Baltimore County for legal services, administrative costs, and mailing expenses, to be paid into the general fund of Baltimore County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 436****Senator Rosapepe****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS – TAX CREDIT FOR REVITALIZATION DISTRICTS PG 415–11**

Authorizing the governing body of a municipal corporation in Prince George's County to establish by resolution specified areas within the municipal corporation as revitalization districts; authorizing the governing body of a municipal corporation in Prince George's County to grant a property tax credit against the municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property within a designated revitalization district; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**SB 450****Senator Frosh****REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FORECLOSURE  
PROCEDURES – LOST NOTE AFFIDAVIT**

Prohibiting a court, in an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property, from accepting a lost note affidavit in lieu of a copy of the debt instrument unless the affidavit contains specified information; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 412****Delegate Niemann****REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FORECLOSURE  
PROCEDURES – LOST NOTE AFFIDAVIT**

Prohibiting a court, in an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property, from accepting a lost note affidavit in lieu of a copy of the debt instrument unless the affidavit contains specified information; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 466****Carroll County Senators****CARROLL COUNTY – WINERY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS –  
FARMERS' MARKETS**

Authorizing the issuance of not more than 12 additional winery special event permits to specified wineries for use in specified farmers' markets in Carroll County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**SB 476****Senator Benson****PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS –  
CONTINUING EDUCATION – HOME STUDY**

Repealing a provision prohibiting the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists from authorizing home study courses towards completion of continuing education requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 311****Delegate Hubbard****PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS –  
CONTINUING EDUCATION – HOME STUDY**

Repealing a provision prohibiting the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists from authorizing home study courses towards completion of continuing education requirements.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 479****Senator Conway, et al****TRANSPORTATION – PROCUREMENT FOR MARC SERVICE**

Prohibiting specified entities from being considered a responsible bidder or offeror for specified contracts to provide Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) service unless the entities comply with specified requirements; requiring that, in conjunction with the submission of specified bids or offers, specified entities provide specified units with a statement and estimated date for completing a process of assembling records; requiring entities to notify specified units of changes to a specified estimated date; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**HB 520****Delegate Rosenberg, et al****TRANSPORTATION – PROCUREMENT FOR MARC SERVICE**

Prohibiting specified entities from being considered a responsible bidder or offeror for specified contracts to provide Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) service unless the entities comply with specified requirements; requiring that, in conjunction with the submission of specified bids or offers, specified entities provide specified units with a statement and estimated date for completing the process of assembling records; requiring entities to notify specified units of changes to a specified estimated date; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**SB 487****Senator Middleton, et al****FERTILIZER USE ACT OF 2011**

Establishing labeling requirements for specialty fertilizer used on specified turf; exempting organic fertilizer sold to specified fertilizer applicators from a specified prohibition; requiring the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the University of Maryland, to establish a professional fertilizer applicator certification program; establishing specified maximum limits for nitrogen and phosphorus in fertilizer; prohibiting a person from selling specified fertilizer; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES****HB 573****Delegate Hubbard, et al****FERTILIZER USE ACT OF 2011**

Establishing labeling requirements for specialty fertilizer used on specified turf; exempting organic fertilizer sold to specified fertilizer applicators from a specified prohibition; requiring the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the University of Maryland, to establish a professional fertilizer applicator certification program; establishing specified maximum limits for nitrogen and phosphorus in fertilizer; prohibiting a person from selling specified fertilizer; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES****SB 489****Senator Conway, et al****NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN STATE-FUNDED EDUCATION PROGRAMS – BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND INTIMIDATION – POLICIES**

Requiring nonpublic schools that participate in State-funded education programs to adopt by March 31, 2012, a policy prohibiting bullying, harassment, and intimidation; requiring the policy to include specified provisions; encouraging nonpublic schools to develop the policy in consultation with specified groups and to publicize the policy in a specified manner; providing that specified employees who report acts of bullying, harassment, or intimidation are not civilly liable under specified circumstances; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011**

**HB 38 Delegate Waldstreicher, et al****NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN STATE-FUNDED EDUCATION PROGRAMS – BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND INTIMIDATION – POLICIES**

Requiring nonpublic schools that participate in State-funded education programs to adopt by March 31, 2012, a policy prohibiting bullying, harassment, and intimidation; requiring the policy to include specified provisions; encouraging nonpublic schools to develop the policy in consultation with specified groups and to publicize the policy in a specified manner; providing that specified employees who report acts of bullying, harassment, or intimidation are not civilly liable under specified circumstances; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 493 Senator Peters****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT**

Requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to develop and operate a specified web site that includes specified information about specified payments; specifying parameters of the web site; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 1113 Prince George's County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT PG 421-11**

Requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to develop and operate a specified Web site that includes specified information about specified payments; specifying parameters of the Web site; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 494 Senator Edwards****INCOME TAX CREDIT – TEACHERS AT STATE AND LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES FOR ADULTS AND JUVENILES**

Altering a credit against the State income tax for up to \$1,500 of tuition costs of specified teachers to include teachers at State or local correctional facilities and specified juvenile facilities; providing that a teacher at a State or local correctional facility or specified juvenile facilities who is reimbursed for the tuition may not claim the credit for the amount of tuition that is reimbursed; and applying the Act to tax years beginning after December 31, 2010.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 532      Senators Currie and Benson****REAL PROPERTY – HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS  
– ENFORCEMENT BY THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER  
PROTECTION**

Authorizing a lot owner who believes that the board of directors or other governing body of a homeowners association has failed to comply with the election procedures provisions of the governing documents of the homeowners association to submit the dispute to the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General if the provisions concern specified elements of the election procedures.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 539      Senator Colburn, et al****ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED  
USES**

Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to be used to pay the cost of connecting properties served by onsite sewage disposal systems to specified existing municipal wastewater facilities under specified circumstances; and establishing conditions for the funding of specified costs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 57      Delegates Costa and Vitale****ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED  
USES**

Authorizing specified fee revenue collected for the Bay Restoration Fund to be used to pay the cost of connecting properties served by onsite sewage disposal systems to specified existing municipal wastewater facilities under specified circumstances; and establishing conditions for the funding of specified costs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 551****Senator Kelley, et al****MARYLAND WAGE AND HOUR LAW – PROHIBITED ACTS OF EMPLOYERS – ADVERSE ACTION**

Prohibiting an employer from taking adverse action against an employee who makes a complaint, brings an action, or testifies in an action under the Maryland Wage and Hour Law; specifying that the adverse action prohibited includes discharge, demotion, threat of discharge or demotion, and other specified retaliatory actions; prohibiting the conviction of an employer without specified evidence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 1130****Delegate Hucker, et al****MARYLAND WAGE AND HOUR LAW – PROHIBITED ACTS OF EMPLOYERS – ADVERSE ACTION**

Prohibiting an employer from taking adverse action against an employee who makes a complaint, brings an action, or testifies in an action under the Maryland Wage and Hour Law; specifying that the adverse action prohibited includes discharge, demotion, threat of discharge or demotion, and other specified retaliatory actions; prohibiting the conviction of an employer without specified evidence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 578****Senator Muse, et al****STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS – LICENSES, TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER LICENSES, AND TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC PERMITS**

Establishing a temporary volunteer dentist's license, a temporary volunteer dental hygienist's license, and a temporary dental clinic permit under the State Board of Dental Examiners; altering specified qualifications; establishing procedures for dentists, dental hygienists, and bona fide charitable organizations to apply for specified licenses and permits; establishing the scope of practice of specified licenses; requiring temporary dental clinics to have a medical emergency plan and specified equipment and safeguards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011



**HB 354 Delegate V. Turner, et al****STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS – LICENSES, TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER LICENSES, AND TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC PERMITS**

Establishing a temporary volunteer dentist's license, a temporary volunteer dental hygienist's license, and a temporary dental clinic permit under the State Board of Dental Examiners; altering specified qualifications; establishing procedures for dentists, dental hygienists, and bona fide charitable organizations to apply for specified licenses and permits; establishing the scope of practice of specified licenses; requiring temporary dental clinics to have a medical emergency plan and specified equipment and safeguards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 584 Senator Jacobs, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – CORD BLOOD TRANSPLANT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Cord Blood Transplant Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for specified purposes; establishing the Cord Blood Transplant Center Support Fund; providing for the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Department to administer the Fund; specifying that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund not subject to a specified provision of law; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the fund separately and invest and reinvest money in the Fund in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 983 Delegate Rudolph, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – CORD BLOOD TRANSPLANT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Cord Blood Transplant Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for specified purposes; establishing the Cord Blood Transplant Center Support Fund; providing for the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Department to administer the Fund; specifying that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund not subject to a specified provision of law; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the fund separately and invest and reinvest money in the Fund in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 595****Senator Raskin, et al****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – NAME REQUIREMENTS FOR BENEFIT CORPORATIONS AND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES – ELECTION TO BE A BENEFIT LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Authorizing a Maryland limited liability company to elect to be a benefit limited liability company by including a specified statement in its articles of organization; specifying the process by which a limited liability company may terminate its status as a benefit limited liability company; requiring a clear reference to the fact that a limited liability company is a benefit limited liability company to appear prominently at the head of specified articles of organization or an amendment to the articles of organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**HB 1151****Delegate Feldman****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – NAME REQUIREMENTS FOR BENEFIT CORPORATIONS AND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES – ELECTION TO BE A BENEFIT LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Authorizing a Maryland limited liability company to elect to be a benefit limited liability company by including a specified statement in its articles of organization; specifying the process by which a limited liability company may terminate its status as a benefit limited liability company; requiring a clear reference to the fact that a limited liability company is a benefit limited liability company to appear prominently at the head of specified articles of organization or an amendment to the articles of organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**SB 609****Senator Ferguson, et al****PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS – SCHOOL SITES AND BUILDINGS – AVAILABILITY FOR OCCUPATION AND USE**

Requiring specified county boards of education to inform the county commissioners or the county council if specified land, schools sites, or buildings have been determined by the county board to be no longer needed for school purposes under specified circumstances; requiring a county board to inform public charter schools in the county if school sites or buildings have been determined by the county board to be no longer needed for school purposes under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 615      Senators Jones–Rodwell and McFadden****EDUCATION – RESIDENTIAL BOARDING EDUCATION  
PROGRAMS FOR AT–RISK YOUTH – FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor to appropriate specified funds to the State Department of Education to cover the transportation, boarding, and administrative costs of residential boarding education programs for at–risk youth; limiting the total amount of funds to an amount adequate to fund 400 students per fiscal year; and defining terms.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 448      Delegate Ivey, et al****EDUCATION – RESIDENTIAL BOARDING EDUCATION  
PROGRAMS FOR AT–RISK YOUTH – FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor to appropriate specified funds to the State Department of Education to cover the transportation, boarding, and administrative costs of residential boarding education programs for at–risk youth; limiting the total amount of funds to an amount adequate to fund 400 students per fiscal year; and defining terms.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 635      Senators Frosh and Simonaire****NATURAL RESOURCES – AUTHORIZATION TO CATCH  
STRIPED BASS AND CRABS – REVOCATION**

Providing that a person who commits a specified offense related to unlawfully taking striped bass or crabs may have a specified authorization revoked; requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission, to adopt regulations that establish grounds for the revocation of a specified authorization, including specified categories of violations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 1154****Delegate Gilchrist****NATURAL RESOURCES – AUTHORIZATION TO CATCH STRIPED BASS AND CRABS – REVOCATION**

Providing that a person who commits a specified offense related to unlawfully taking striped bass or crabs may have a specified authorization revoked; requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission, to adopt regulations that establish grounds for the revocation of a specified authorization, including specified categories of violations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 638****Senator Benson, et al****VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL APPLICANTS AND LICENSEES – MINORITY BUSINESS PARTICIPATION – MODIFICATIONS AND SUNSET EXTENSION**

Specifying July 1, 2018, as the termination date for provisions of law relating to minority participation in video lottery facility operations, and for specified duties of the State Lottery Commission and the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs relating to the monitoring, reporting, and taking action on specified activities.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**SB 644****Senators Ferguson and Madaleno****STATE GOVERNMENT – TRANSPARENCY AND OPEN GOVERNMENT**

Establishing the Joint Committee on Transparency and Open Government; requiring the Committee to make recommendations on State transparency goals and policies, review laws, programs, services, and policies, and consult with specified State entities; requiring the Committee to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on or before a specified date; providing that a public body need not prepare written minutes of an open meeting if a live and archived video or audio streaming of the open session is available; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**HB 766****Delegate Mizeur, et al****STATE GOVERNMENT – TRANSPARENCY AND OPEN GOVERNMENT**

Establishing the Joint Committee on Transparency and Open Government; requiring the Committee to make recommendations on State transparency goals and policies, review laws, programs, services, and policies, and consult with specified State entities; requiring the Committee to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on or before a specified date; providing that a public body need not prepare written minutes of an open meeting if a live and archived video or audio streaming of the open session is available; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011****SB 645****Senator Ferguson****BALTIMORE CITY – SALE OF PROPERTY TO ENFORCE LIEN FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE**

Prohibiting the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City from selling property to enforce a lien for unpaid charges for water and sewer service under specified circumstances.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011****HB 867****Delegate Oaks, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – SALE OF PROPERTY TO ENFORCE LIEN FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE**

Prohibiting the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City from selling property to enforce a lien for unpaid charges for water and sewer service under specified circumstances.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011**

**SB 655****Senator Pinsky, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – COMMERCIAL FISHING VIOLATIONS  
– ENHANCED PENALTIES**

Establishing specified enhanced penalties for a person who commits a specified separate commercial fisheries violation while the person's commercial fishing license or authorization is suspended or revoked or who engages in commercial fishing activities without an appropriate license or authorization; requiring that specified fines imposed under the Act be paid into the Fisheries Research and Development Fund; and clarifying specified commercial fishing violations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 1225****Delegate Gilchrist, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – COMMERCIAL FISHING VIOLATIONS  
– ENHANCED PENALTIES**

Establishing specified enhanced penalties for a person who commits a specified separate commercial fisheries violation while the person's commercial fishing license or authorization is suspended or revoked or who engages in commercial fishing activities without an appropriate license or authorization; requiring that specified fines imposed under the Act be paid into the Fisheries Research and Development Fund; and clarifying specified commercial fishing violations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 656****Senator Kelley****PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – CERTIFICATES OF  
INSURANCE AND CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE FORMS**

Prohibiting a person from requiring an insurer or insurance producer to prepare or issue, or a policy holder to provide, a certificate of insurance that contains false or misleading information relating to the policy of insurance referenced in the certificate; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 982 Delegate Rudolph****PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE AND CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE FORMS**

Prohibiting a person from requiring an insurer or insurance producer to prepare or issue, or a policyholder to provide, a certificate of insurance that contains false or misleading information relating to the policy of insurance referenced in the certificate; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 672 Senator Kasemeyer, et al****MARYLAND FILM PRODUCTION EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 2011**

Allowing a qualified film production entity to claim a credit against the State income tax for costs incurred for film production activities; repealing the Film Production Rebate Program; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development to administer the credit; requiring that to be eligible for the rebate, the film production company incur total direct costs exceeding \$500,000; providing that the total direct costs may not include individual wages that exceed \$500,000; terminating the Act on July 1, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 687 Senator Peters****MILITIA – EMPLOYMENT FOR MILITARY SPOUSES – TEACHERS, HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS, AND INDIVIDUALS IN BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a specified form relating to teacher certification and tenure and to post the form on its Web site; requiring the Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's designee to assist military spouses in finding specified employment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 998 Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**

MILITIA – EMPLOYMENT FOR MILITARY SPOUSES – TEACHERS, HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS, AND INDIVIDUALS IN BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a specified form relating to teacher certification and tenure and to post the form on its Web site; requiring the Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's designee to assist military spouses in finding specified employment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 690 Senator Middleton, et al**

RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO – WASTE-TO-ENERGY AND REFUSE-DERIVED FUEL

Expanding the definition of a Tier 1 renewable source to include waste-to-energy and refuse-derived fuel; altering the definition of a Tier 2 renewable source to exclude waste-to-energy; providing that a Tier 1 source using waste-to-energy or refuse-derived fuel is eligible for inclusion in meeting a specified standard only if the source is connected with the distribution grid serving Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 694 Senators Kelley and Middleton**

INSURANCE – SURPLUS LINES

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to participate in a specified database; altering the authority of the Commissioner to allow a commercial insured to waive specified search requirements for surplus lines coverage for specified purposes; authorizing a surplus lines broker not to perform a diligent search when placing specified coverage with an exempt commercial purchaser under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011



**HB 959****Delegate Davis****INSURANCE – SURPLUS LINES**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to participate in a specified database; altering the authority of the Commissioner to allow a commercial insured to waive specified search requirements for surplus lines coverage for specified purposes; authorizing a surplus lines broker to not perform a diligent search when placing specified coverage with an exempt commercial purchaser under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 696****Senator Forehand****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – TENANCY BY THE ENTIRETY PROPERTY – TRANSFER TO TRUSTEE OR TRUSTEES**

Expanding the application of a specified immunity from claims of creditors, relating to former tenancy by the entirety property and proceeds of that property, to include conveyances to multiple trustees or multiple trusts; limiting the application of a specified immunity from claims of creditors to an instrument of conveyance that contains a specified provision; providing that a specified immunity may be waived as to specified creditors or property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 799****Delegate Carter, et al****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – TENANCY BY THE ENTIRETY PROPERTY – TRANSFER TO TRUSTEE OR TRUSTEES**

Expanding the application of a specified immunity from claims of creditors, relating to former tenancy by the entirety property and proceeds of that property, to include conveyances to multiple trustees or multiple trusts; limiting the application of a specified immunity from claims of creditors to an instrument of conveyance that contains a specified provision; providing that a specified immunity may be waived as to specified creditors or property; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 701****Senator Klausmeier****HEALTH INSURANCE – PRESCRIPTION EYE DROPS – REFILLS**

Requiring health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a refill of prescription eye drops under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 888****Delegate Kach, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – PRESCRIPTION EYE DROPS – REFILLS**

Requiring health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a refill of prescription eye drops under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 702****Senator Klausmeier****HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE OF HEARING AIDS**

Requiring an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization that provides coverage for hearing aids to an insured or enrolled individual who is not a minor child and that places a dollar limit on the hearing aid benefit to allow the individual to choose a hearing aid that is priced higher than the benefit payable under the policy or contract and pay the difference between the price of the hearing aid and the dollar limit on the benefit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 452****Delegate Kipke, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE OF HEARING AIDS**

Requiring an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization that provides coverage for hearing aids to an insured or enrolled individual who is not a minor child and that places a dollar limit on the hearing aid benefit to allow the individual to choose a hearing aid that is priced higher than the benefit payable under the policy or contract and pay the difference between the price of the hearing aid and the dollar limit on the benefit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 710****Senator Klausmeier****HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER PANELS – NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION**

Requiring a health insurance carrier that receives a complete application from a health care provider that seeks to participate on a provider panel of the carrier to notify the health care provider that the application is complete; requiring if a carrier does not accept applications through the online credentialing system, that notice to be given to the health care provider at the address listed in the application within 10 days after the date the application is received; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 444 Delegate Nathan–Pulliam****HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER PANELS – NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION**

Requiring a health insurance carrier that receives a complete application from a health care provider that seeks to participate on a provider panel of the carrier to notify the health care provider that the application is complete; requiring, if a carrier does not accept applications through the online credentialing system, that notice be given to the health care provider at the address listed in the application within 10 days after the date the application is received; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 718 Senator Garagiola****TELEPHONE COMPANIES – DISTRIBUTION OF TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES**

Providing that a telephone company may not be required to distribute a specified telephone directory to an address in the State unless the property owner or an occupant requests the directory; requiring a telephone company to provide notice to customers if the telephone company elects not to deliver a telephone directory to each customer; and requiring a telephone company to deliver a print telephone directory to a customer at no cost to the customer under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 529 Delegate A. Miller, et al****TELEPHONE COMPANIES – DISTRIBUTION OF TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES**

Providing that a telephone company may not be required to distribute a specified telephone directory to an address in the State unless the property owner or an occupant requests the directory; requiring a telephone company to provide notice to a customer if the telephone company elects not to deliver a print telephone directory to the customer at an address in the State; requiring a telephone company to deliver a print telephone directory to a customer at no cost to the customer under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 722****Senator Rosapepe, et al****ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS – INCENTIVES FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS – REGULATIONS**

Requiring incentives for the adoption and use of electronic health records to be paid in cash, unless a specified payor and health care provider agree on an incentive of equivalent value; prohibiting specified regulations from requiring a group model health maintenance organization from providing a specified incentive to a specified health care provider; requiring that regulations allow a State-regulated payor to request specified information and, under specified circumstances, reduce an incentive amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 736****Delegate Tarrant, et al****ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS – INCENTIVES FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS – REGULATIONS**

Requiring incentives for the adoption and use of electronic health records to be paid in cash, unless a specified payor and health care provider agree on an incentive of equivalent value; prohibiting specified regulations from requiring a group model health maintenance organization from providing a specified incentive to a specified health care provider; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to conduct a specified study and report findings to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 723****Senator Rosapepe****MEDICAL RECORDS – HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGES**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to adopt regulations for the privacy and security of protected health information obtained or released through a health information exchange by specified persons; requiring the regulations to include protections for the secondary use of specified information; providing that the regulations do not apply to protected health information exchanged between and among specified persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 784 Delegate Pendergrass, et al****MEDICAL RECORDS – HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGES**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to adopt regulations for the privacy and security of protected health information obtained or released through a health information exchange by specified persons; requiring the regulations to include protections for the secondary use of specified information; providing that the regulations do not apply to protected health information exchanged between and among specified persons; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 740 Senator Madaleno****STATE GOVERNMENT – ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS – ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS**

Requiring a custodian of a public record to provide specified applicants with a copy of the public record in a specified electronic format under specified circumstances; establishing an exception; authorizing a custodian to remove specified metadata from specified documents; clarifying that a specified act does not constitute creating a new public record; authorizing a custodian to charge an applicant a fee under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 743 Senator Pugh****FAMILY PLANNING WORKS ACT**

Altering the eligibility requirements for family planning services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program by requiring the Program to provide those services beginning on January 1, 2012, to all women whose family income is at or below 200 percent of the poverty level, as permitted by federal law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 778 Delegate Mizeur, et al****FAMILY PLANNING WORKS ACT**

Altering the eligibility requirements for family planning services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program by requiring the Program to provide those services beginning on January 1, 2012, to all women whose family income is at or below 200 percent of the poverty level, as permitted by federal law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 754****Senator King, et al****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – PERMANENT HEARING AID LOAN BANK PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION**

Establishing a permanent Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program in the State Department of Education; providing for the staffing of the Program; requiring the Program to establish a Hearing Aid Loan Bank; specifying criteria for eligibility under the Program; specifying conditions for borrowing a hearing aid under the Program; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt specified regulations; requiring that specified instructions be provided to a parent or legal guardian of an eligible child; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2011

**HB 1013****Delegate Hixson****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – PERMANENT HEARING AID LOAN BANK PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION**

Establishing a permanent Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program in the State Department of Education; providing for the staffing of the Program; requiring the Program to establish a Hearing Aid Loan Bank; specifying criteria for eligibility under the Program; specifying conditions for borrowing a hearing aid under the Program; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt specified regulations; requiring that specified instructions be provided to a parent or legal guardian of an eligible child; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2011

**SB 756****Senator Kelley, et al****MARYLAND REVISED UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFT ACT**

Repealing the Maryland Anatomical Gift Act and enacting the Maryland Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act; authorizing specified persons to make, amend, or revoke specified anatomical gifts; providing the methods by which anatomical gifts may be made; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to contract with and provide compensation to a nonprofit entity for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a donor registry; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 760****Senator Brinkley****FREDERICK COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX SETOFF**

Requiring the governing body of Frederick County to grant a property tax setoff to a municipal corporation in specified minimum amounts for specified taxable years.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 763****Senator Kittleman****HUNTING LICENSES – EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED ARMED FORCES MEMBERS**

Expanding a specified exemption from the requirement to obtain a hunting license for a person who serves in the armed forces and has a service-connected disability.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 767****Senator Mathias****SOMERSET COUNTY – PRIVATE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to sell at private sale specified properties to the City of Crisfield under any terms the County Commissioners consider appropriate; requiring specified properties to revert to the County Commissioners under specified circumstances; authorizing the County Commissioners to sell specified property to the American Legion – Stanley Cochrane Post #16 at private sale under any terms the County Commissioners consider appropriate; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 675****Delegates Otto and McDermott****SOMERSET COUNTY – PRIVATE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to sell at private sale specified properties to the City of Crisfield under any terms the County Commissioners consider appropriate; requiring specified properties to revert to the County Commissioners under specified circumstances; authorizing the County Commissioners to sell specified property to the American Legion – Stanley Cochrane Post #16 at private sale under any terms the County Commissioners consider appropriate; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 770****Senator Conway, et al****PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM – DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES**

Altering the purpose of the Prescription Drug Repository Program to include disposal of prescription drugs and medical supplies; altering the definition of “repository” to include a licensed pharmacy approved by the State Board of Pharmacy to dispose of prescription drugs and medical supplies; altering a requirement relating to disposal of prescription drugs and medical supplies by a repository; prohibiting the Program from requiring a private entity to establish, operate, or fund a drop-off site or disposal program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 460****Delegate Murphy, et al****PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM – DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES**

Altering the purpose of the Prescription Drug Repository Program to include disposal of prescription drugs and medical supplies; altering the definition of “repository” to include a licensed pharmacy approved by the State Board of Pharmacy to dispose of prescription drugs and medical supplies; altering a specified requirement relating to disposal of prescription drugs and medical supplies by a repository; prohibiting the Program from requiring a private entity to establish, operate, or fund a drop-off site or disposal program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 771****Senator Conway, et al****EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS – CONCUSSIONS**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with specified entities, to develop policies and implement a program to provide awareness to coaches, school personnel, students, and parents or guardians of students on the risk of concussions and head injuries; requiring county boards of education to provide specified information to students, parents, and guardians; requiring the removal from play of specified students or youth athletes under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011



**HB 858****Delegate Hixson, et al****EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS – CONCUSSIONS**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with specified entities, to develop policies and to implement a program to provide awareness to coaches, school personnel, students, and parents or guardians of students on the risk of concussions and head injuries; requiring a county board of education to provide a specified information sheet and a notice to a student and parent or guardian; requiring a student and parent or guardian to sign a specified statement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 772****Senator Conway****TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY**

Establishing a Task Force to Study the Creation of a Maryland Center for School Safety; providing for the membership, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation, but authorizing reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**HB 79****Delegate Walker****TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY**

Establishing a Task Force to Study the Creation of a Maryland Center for School Safety; providing for the membership, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation, but authorizing reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**SB 786**      **Senator Montgomery, et al****HEALTH – NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM – CRITICAL CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt specified federal recommendations on critical congenital heart disease screening in newborns under specified circumstances; requiring the State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders to develop recommendations for critical congenital heart disease screening of newborns in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 714**      **Delegate Hucker, et al****HEALTH – NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM – CRITICAL CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt specified federal recommendations on critical congenital heart disease screening in newborns under specified circumstances; requiring the State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders to develop recommendations for critical congenital heart disease screening of newborns in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 801**      **Senators Shank and Gladden****CRIMINAL LAW – SWIFT AND CERTAIN SANCTIONS PILOT PROGRAM**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to develop by October 1, 2012, a pilot program in two counties that creates a system of graduated administrative sanctions for violations of conditions of parole by releasees from the Division of Correction; and requiring the Department to make a specified annual report to the General Assembly on or before October 1 of each year beginning in 2013.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 919****Delegate Hough, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – SWIFT AND CERTAIN SANCTIONS PILOT PROGRAM**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to develop by October 1, 2012, a pilot program in two counties that creates a system of graduated administrative sanctions for violations of conditions of parole by releasees from the Division of Correction; and requiring the Department to make a specified annual report to the General Assembly on or before October 1 of each year beginning in 2013.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 803****Senator Raskin, et al****DRUNK DRIVING REDUCTION ACT**

Expanding participation in the Ignition Interlock System Program by authorizing individuals who have committed a specified alcohol-related administrative offense to participate under specified circumstances; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish the Program; expanding participation in the Program by requiring individuals who are convicted of a specified offense and who had a specified alcohol concentration at the time of testing to participate in the Program for specified periods of time and successfully complete the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 1276****Delegate Vallario, et al****DRUNK DRIVING REDUCTION ACT**

Expanding participation in the Ignition Interlock System Program by authorizing specified individuals who have committed a specified alcohol-related administrative offense to be participants under specified circumstances; expanding participation in the Program by requiring specified individuals who are convicted of drunk driving and who had an alcohol concentration at the time of testing of .15 or more to participate in the program for specified periods of time and successfully complete the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 830****Senator Currie****TAX CREDITS FOR QUALIFYING EMPLOYEES WITH DISABILITIES – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending termination provisions and altering dates of applicability for specified tax credits for employers that hire qualifying individuals with disabilities.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**SB 845****Senator Dyson****PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINATIONS – CHILDREN**

Altering to 9 years the minimum age of an individual to whom a pharmacist may administer an influenza vaccination, in accordance with specified regulations; requiring a pharmacist to report an influenza vaccination administered to an individual between the ages of 9 and 18 to the Maryland Immunization Registry; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 986****Delegate Hubbard, et al****PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINATIONS – CHILDREN**

Altering to at least 9 years old the age of an individual to whom a pharmacist may administer a specified vaccination under specified circumstances; requiring a pharmacist to report to the Maryland Immunization Registry an influenza vaccination administered by the pharmacist to individuals between the ages of 9 and 18; and altering requirements for regulations relating to specified vaccinations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 888****Senator Gladden****TRUSTS – SPECIAL NEEDS, SUPPLEMENTAL NEEDS, OR POOLED ASSET SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS – PUBLIC BENEFITS**

Stating that the policy of this State is to encourage the use of special needs trusts or supplemental needs trusts by individuals with disabilities of all ages to preserve funds in order to provide for the needs of the individuals not met by public benefits and to enhance their quality of life; requiring each State agency that provides public benefits to individuals with disabilities of all ages through specified programs to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 1277 Delegates Smigiel and McDermott****TRUSTS – SPECIAL NEEDS, SUPPLEMENTAL NEEDS, OR POOLED ASSET SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS – PUBLIC BENEFITS**

Stating that the policy of the State is to encourage the use of special needs trusts or supplemental needs trusts by individuals with disabilities of all ages to preserve funds in order to provide for the needs of the individuals not met by public benefits and to enhance their quality of life; requiring each State agency that provides public benefits to individuals with disabilities of all ages through specified programs to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 917 Senator Colburn****WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – PUB–BREWERIES AND MICRO–BREWERIES**

Exempting specified alcoholic beverages businesses in Wicomico County from a prohibition against having a financial interest in a premises where alcoholic beverages are sold at retail or in any other business conducted by an alcoholic beverages licensee; increasing to 5 the number of Class B beer, wine and liquor licenses that a person may hold and still remain eligible to be issued a pub–brewery or micro–brewery license in the county; and authorizing a holder of a Class A license to be eligible to be issued specified licenses in the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 925 Senator Conway****FAMILY LAW – FAMILY CHILD CARE – LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**

Defining a “large family child care home” as a residence in which family child care is provided for at least 9 but not more than 12 children; requiring the State Department of Education to adopt specified regulations; providing that in a large family child care home there may not be more than a specified number of children in specified care at specified times; repealing a provision of law that authorizes small child care centers to service at least 7 but not more than 12 children; authorizing specified grants; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

**SB 958****Senator Garagiola****MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY INCENTIVE ACT – QUALIFIED ENERGY RESOURCES**

Altering the definition of qualified energy resources under a specified credit against the State income tax for specified electricity produced from specified qualified resources to eliminate the restriction that nonhazardous waste material be in either solid or cellulosic form; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**SB 959****Senators Garagiola and Brinkley****BIO-HEATING OIL – INCOME TAX CREDIT**

Altering the definition of bio-heating oil for purposes of a State income tax credit for the purchase of bio-heating oil for specified purposes; extending the termination provision for the income tax credit to June 30, 2018; altering dates of applicability for the credit; etc.  
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**SB 961****Senator Garagiola****STATE VEHICLE FLEET AND GASOLINE SERVICE FACILITIES – USE AND SELLING OF BIOFUELS**

Altering the requirement that the State ensure that at least a specified percentage of vehicles using diesel fuel in the State vehicle fleet use a blend of fuel containing at least a specified percentage of biodiesel fuel to include the use of biofuels; providing that a provision does not apply to a State vehicle, piece of heavy equipment, or heating equipment for which mechanical failure due to use of a specified biofuel will void a specified manufacturer's warranty; repealing specified requirements; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 974****Senator Astle****HEALTH INSURANCE – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – CLAIMS**

Providing that specified errors may not constitute fraud or grounds for recoupment of specified claims payments under specified circumstances; specifying that specified claims remain subject to recoupment of overpayment or payment of any discovered underpayment by a pharmacy benefits manager; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 1338 Delegate Kipke, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – CLAIMS**

Providing that specified errors may not constitute fraud or grounds for recoupment of specified claims payments under specified circumstances; specifying that specified claims remain subject to recoupment of overpayment or payment of any discovered underpayment by a pharmacy benefits manager; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 977 Senator Gladden, et al****FREEDOM OF SPEECH – PICKETING AT A FUNERAL – DISTANCE**

Increasing the distance within which a person is prohibited from engaging in picketing activities at a funeral, burial, memorial service, or funeral procession from 100 feet to 500 feet.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**SB 994 Senator Jones–Rodwell, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION**

Increasing the rate of the sales and use tax imposed on the sale of an alcoholic beverage to 9% of the taxable price of the alcoholic beverage; making the Act a supplementary appropriation to fund a specified waiting list initiative for the Developmental Disabilities Administration; providing that the appropriation provided under the Act shall have priority over any other appropriation from the additional revenues resulting from the Act that are credited to the General Fund for fiscal year 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 1213 Delegate Howard****SALES AND USE TAX – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION**

Increasing the State sales and use tax rate for alcoholic beverages sold in Maryland to 9% of the taxable price of the alcoholic beverage; and making the Act a supplementary appropriation to fund specified public school construction projects and related capital improvements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 65            The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**

**ELECTROLOGY PRACTICE COMMITTEE – SUNSET  
EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the Electrology Practice Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending until July 1, 2023, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Committee; requiring that an evaluation of the Committee and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Committee be performed on or before July 1, 2022; and requiring the State Board of Nursing to submit specified reports.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 75            The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS – SUNSET  
EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2023, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before July 1, 2022; and requiring the Board to submit a specified report on or before October 1, 2012.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 93            Delegate Cardin, et al**

**ELECTION LAW – INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES AND  
ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS – REPORTING**

Altering the definition of “independent expenditure”; authorizing the State Board of Elections to audit specified independent expenditure reports and specified electioneering communication reports; requiring a person to file an independent expenditure or electioneering communication report after the person makes aggregate expenditures of more than \$10,000 in an election cycle for campaign material that is a public communication; etc.

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2011



**HB 104      Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request –  
Departmental – Disabilities)**

**HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – TUITION  
WAIVER FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS**

Clarifying and amending the requirements for obtaining an exemption from the payment of tuition at community colleges for disabled individuals; establishing conditions and maximum number of credits per semester for the tuition waiver; and clarifying that receipt of specified benefits under the Social Security Act provides eligibility for the tuition waiver.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 111      Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request –  
Departmental – Natural Resources)**

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING –  
REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

Authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt regulations, in consultation with specified commissions, governing the use of specified types of fishing gear under specified circumstances; requiring that specified factors be considered before adopting regulations; repealing provisions of law that require a person to possess a valid fishing license before using specified devices to catch or attempt to catch finfish; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 145      Delegate Hubbard, et al**

**ENVIRONMENT – CADMIUM IN CHILDREN'S JEWELRY –  
PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person, on or after July 1, 2012, from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or distributing in the State any children's jewelry that contains cadmium at 0.0075% by weight; authorizing the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 208      Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**

**AQUACULTURE – SHELLFISH LEASING AREAS – EXPANSION**

Altering the areas within which the Secretary of Natural Resources may establish aquaculture limits; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to resurvey specified areas for a specified purpose; requiring the Department to amend natural oyster bar charts or coordinates by regulation under specified circumstances; altering and establishing restrictions for Aquaculture Enterprise Zones and leases; providing that the Department may only issue a shellfish lease to a corporation under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 211      Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Relations Commission)**

**MARYLAND COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS – NAME CHANGE**

Changing the name of the Maryland Commission on Human Relations to the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights; and providing that specified printed material reflecting the renaming of the Commission may not be used until material already in print is used.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 214      Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – CRITICAL FARMS FUND AND PROGRAM**

Authorizing the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to acquire specified interests in property for specified purposes and to dispose of property under specified circumstances in accordance with the Critical Farms Program; requiring the development of a specified method and procedure for a specified purpose; establishing a Critical Farms Fund; requiring the Foundation to submit a specified report; and exempting specified dispositions of real property from approval by the Board of Public Works.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 216**      **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

**HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – USER FEES**

Increasing from \$5,500,000 to \$7,000,000 the total amount of user fees that the Health Services Cost Review Commission may assess on specified hospitals and related institutions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 230**      **Delegate Tarrant, et al**

**BALTIMORE CITY – EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION BOND AUTHORITY**

Altering the maximum maturity date of school construction bonds that the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners may issue; and requiring the Board to submit a report on or before December 1, 2011, to specified committees of the State legislature on a long-term plan for the alignment of public school facilities with projected enrollments and educational programs within the Baltimore City Public School System.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**HB 244**      **Anne Arundel County Delegation**

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE – DEPUTY SHERIFFS**

Extending the presumption of a compensable occupational disease under workers’ compensation law to include Anne Arundel County deputy sheriffs who suffer from heart disease or hypertension resulting in partial or total disability or death under specified circumstances; requiring that workers’ compensation benefits received under the Act are in addition to specified retirement benefits, subject to a specified adjustment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 257**      **Delegate Murphy, et al**

**ELECTION LAW – ACCESS TO VOTING ROOM AND VOTING BOOTH BY MINORS NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE**

Increasing the maximum age at which a minor may accompany a voter in the voting room and voting booth at a polling place to 17; and requiring that a minor who accompanies a voter may not be eligible to vote in that election.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**HB 263 Frederick County Delegation****FREDERICK COUNTY – ROADSIDE SOLICITATION OF MONEY OR DONATIONS – PERMIT PROGRAM**

Authorizing Frederick County or a municipal corporation in Frederick County under specified conditions to enact a permit program allowing a person to stand in a roadway, median divider, or intersection to solicit money or donations from the occupant of a vehicle; requiring a permit application to include specified information; requiring the county or municipal corporation to approve or deny an application within 5 days; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 286 Delegates Morhaim and Kipke****HOSPITALS AND FREESTANDING AMBULATORY CARE FACILITIES – PRACTITIONER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Requiring hospitals and freestanding ambulatory care facilities, as a condition of licensure, to establish a practitioner performance evaluation process and to analyze the results of the process; requiring the practitioner performance evaluation process to include a review of care; requiring hospitals and freestanding ambulatory care facilities to take into account the results of the evaluation process for a member of the medical staff in the reappointment process; etc.

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**HB 287 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al****MARYLAND PERFUSION ACT**

Requiring the State Board of Physicians to adopt regulations for the licensure and practice of perfusion; authorizing the Board to set specified fees; establishing the Perfusion Advisory Committee within the Board; providing for the membership, powers, and duties of the Committee; establishing the terms and requirements for members of the Committee; requiring that on or before a specified date an individual be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice perfusion; defining “practice perfusion”; etc.

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**HB 293      Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Agriculture)**

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES – REGISTRATION FEES**

Prohibiting an unspent or unencumbered balance in the Weights and Measures Fund from reverting to the General Fund; and altering the cap on specified fees for registering specified scales and meters.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 306      Delegate Frush**

**TASK FORCE ON SOLAR HOT WATER SYSTEMS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

Reestablishing the Task Force on Solar Hot Water Systems in Prince George's County; providing for the members of the Task Force; providing for the designation of a chair of the Task Force; requiring the Prince George's County government to provide staff for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving compensation; requiring the Task Force to undertake specified activities relating to the use of solar hot water systems in Prince George's County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**HB 333      Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ADMINISTRATION – SIMPLIFICATION**

Clarifying that specified employees of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council may participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; clarifying that the definition of "Social Security integration level" for purposes of calculating State Retirement and Pension System benefits applies only to members of the several systems who are eligible to receive full old age and survivors benefits provided under Title II of the federal Social Security Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 405 Washington County Delegation****WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –  
CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS**

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners of Washington County to apply to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository for a state and national criminal history records check for each applicant for a new alcoholic beverages license or for a transfer of an existing license; requiring the Board to submit fingerprints of each applicant and specified fees to the Central Repository; requiring the Board to establish a fee to cover specified costs of obtaining an applicant's criminal records; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 463 Delegate Elliott, et al****PROPERTY TAX – SEMIANNUAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE –  
BUSINESS PROPERTY**

Altering a specified definition in order to increase from \$50,000 to \$100,000 the maximum total amount of property taxes for specified real property for purposes of determining eligibility for a semiannual payment schedule for State, county, municipal corporation, and special taxing district property taxes; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2012.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 477 Carroll County Delegation****CARROLL COUNTY – COMMISSIONERS – TERM LIMITS AND  
VACANCIES**

Stating that the term of a County Commissioner on the Board of County Commissioners for Carroll County is 4 years; providing for the appointment to fill a vacancy; and prohibiting a County Commissioner from being elected to serve more than two consecutive terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 482 Delegates Frick and Hucker****CONSUMER PROTECTION – INFORMATION ON PAYMENT  
DEVICE RECEIPTS – LIMITATIONS**

Altering the number of digits of a payment device number that may be printed on specified receipts by a person that accepts a payment device number for the transaction of business; prohibiting a person that accepts a payment device number for the transaction of business from printing more than five digits of a payment device number or the expiration date of a payment device on a receipt that is provided to the holder of the payment device at the point of sale or transaction or retained by the person; establishing a penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

**HB 621 Delegate Haynes, et al****FIRE SAFETY – HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS – MOBILITY  
IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS**

Requiring the owner of a residential high-rise building with rental units to provide a specified annual notice to all residents of the residential high-rise building of the right of mobility impaired individuals to request specified rental units when specified units in the building become available; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 637 Delegate Feldman****LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT**

Establishing the policy of specified provisions of law relating to limited liability companies; providing that a provision of law that may be changed by an operating agreement may also be changed by the terms of the articles of organization; providing that a certificate representing the interest of a member may be issued in bearer form only under specified circumstances; establishing that rights and conditions with regard to a limited liability company will be enforceable to a specified extent; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**HB 682****Delegate K. Kelly****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FORFEITURE OF BAIL BONDS**

Prohibiting a court that exercises criminal jurisdiction from refunding a forfeiture of bail or collateral at a specified time unless a private surety pays a forfeiture of bail or collateral within a specified time period after a defendant's failure to appear; requiring a court to refund a forfeiture of bail bond or collateral that was not paid within a specified time period after a defendant's failure to appear under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 727****Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES OF RETIREES – ANNUAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE ADJUSTMENTS**

Providing that annual retirement allowance adjustments for retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System shall be a specified amount under specified circumstances; requiring that annual retirement allowances for retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System be reduced by a specified amount under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 756****Delegate Oaks, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – BINDING ARBITRATION – POLICE OFFICERS**

Requiring binding arbitration between specified employee organizations representing specified Baltimore City police officers and the City of Baltimore under specified circumstances; authorizing a specified party to request arbitration under specified circumstances; providing for the selection of a specified board of arbitration; requiring a specified board of arbitration to consider specified matters; authorizing a board of arbitration to exercise specified powers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013



**HB 807 Delegates McHale and Hammen****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL TRAINING FUND**

Establishing the Health Care Personnel Training Fund as a special fund to be used to provide grants to specified training consortiums.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 826 Carroll County Delegation****CARROLL COUNTY – ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES**

Altering from 10 to 15 the number of days' advance notice the County Commissioners of Carroll County must give to an owner or occupant of property before removing a specified nuisance or menace; authorizing a property owner or occupant to file an appeal of a specified determination that a nuisance or menace exists to a specified hearing officer or board of appeals within 10 business days after receiving notice of the determination under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 837 Delegate Smigiel, et al****COURTS – EXEMPTION FROM EXECUTION – EXCEPTION FOR CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGE**

Creating a specified exception to an exemption from execution on a judgment by establishing that 25% of the net recovery by a debtor on a claim for personal injury is subject to execution on a judgment for child support arrearage; and defining "net recovery."

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 840 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Children, Office for)****CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES – SERVICES TO CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Altering the membership of local management boards; altering the membership and duties of the State Coordinating Council for Children; renaming local coordinating councils to be local care teams; altering the membership and duties of local care teams; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 869****Delegate Hixson, et al****EDUCATION – MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT – PENALTY**

Making the imposition of a penalty for a county's noncompliance with specified maintenance of effort provisions for funding public education applicable in a specified fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**HB 897****Delegate Murphy, et al****ENGINE COOLANT AND ANTIFREEZE BITTERING AGENT ACT**

Prohibiting a person from selling or offering for sale engine coolant or antifreeze that contains more than 10% ethylene glycol unless it contains not less than 30 parts per million nor more than 50 parts per million denatonium benzoate; providing that the Act does not apply to specified engine coolant or antifreeze sales; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

**HB 941****Delegate Morhaim, et al****DINING OUT GROWTH ACT OF 2011**

Authorizing a restaurant with an outdoor dining area to allow a patron's dog to accompany the patron in the outdoor dining area of the restaurant during specified hours; requiring specified restaurant owners to give notice to local health departments under specified circumstances; authorizing restaurant owners to make specified determinations and to limit the size and type of dog that may accompany a patron into the outdoor dining area; requiring specified restaurant owners to post a notice; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 943****Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request –  
Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)****BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSELS – SPECIAL INSPECTOR  
COMMISSION – INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to establish by regulation insurance requirements that must be satisfied by an authorized inspection agency before a special inspector commission may be issued to an inspector employed by the agency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 1028 Delegate Hixson****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES – VIDEO CAMERAS**

Requiring each operator of a specified automated teller machine to install and maintain a video camera that views and records an image of a user as the user performs a transaction at the automated teller machine; requiring the operator to preserve the recordings made by the video camera for at least 45 calendar days; providing that an operator of a specified automated teller machine is not in violation of provisions of the Act in cases of specified malfunction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 1033 Delegates Oaks and McIntosh****ENVIRONMENT – REDUCING LEAD RISK IN HOUSING – RISK REDUCTION STANDARDS**

Altering the requirements for the owner of affected property to satisfy a specified lead-risk reduction standard; altering a requirement relating to specified inspections of affected properties; altering the performance components required under a specified modified risk reduction standard; altering the information that the owner of an affected property is required to submit to verify satisfaction of a modified risk reduction standard; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

**HB 1038 Delegates Olszewski and Kach****COMMERCIAL LAW – RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS – ESCROW AMOUNTS**

Prohibiting specified lenders, credit grantors, and servicers of loans from including, for a period of 1 year after the determination is made, increases in the amount of escrow payments in calculating the amount of interest or any fee due under specified residential mortgage loans under specified circumstances; authorizing a lender, a credit grantor, or a servicer of a loan to charge interest to a borrower on specified funds under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 1105 Prince George's County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SCHOOL FACILITIES SURCHARGE EXEMPTION – REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING UNIT IN THE RURAL TIER PG 408–11

Establishing an exemption from the Prince George's County school facilities surcharge for a replacement single-family dwelling unit built on the same lot as a previously existing single-family dwelling unit in the Rural Tier of Prince George's County; requiring the County Executive of Prince George's County to include in a specified report specified information about any exemptions granted to the school facilities surcharge; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**HB 1119 Prince George's County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT PG 311–11

Stating that specified alcoholic beverages license holders in Prince George's County need not obtain an entertainment permit under specified circumstances; requiring a holder of an entertainment permit to meet all requirements under county law; and clarifying that a specified prohibition is in effect when the privileges authorized by the entertainment permit are being exercised.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 1156 Delegates Rudolph and James**

TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER IN NORTHEASTERN MARYLAND

Establishing a Task Force to Study the Creation of a Regional Higher Education Center in Northeastern Maryland; providing for the membership, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the higher education needs of the Northeastern Maryland region; requiring the Task Force to report its findings to the Governor and committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2011; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**HB 1168 Delegate Eckardt****EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS –  
REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – HEALTH CARE  
PRACTITIONERS**

Repealing the termination provision applicable to specified reemployment of retirees in the Employees' Retirement and Pension Systems; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**HB 1182 Delegate Pendergrass, et al****CERTIFICATES OF NEED – PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY  
INTERVENTION SERVICES**

Prohibiting a hospital from establishing a non–primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) program or providing non–primary PCI services, unless the hospital was operating a PCI program on January 1, 2011, through a certificate of need or a waiver; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to develop and report recommendations for statutory changes relating to PCI services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 1184 Delegate Zucker, et al****DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – EMPLOYEE  
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES – STREAMLINED PROCESS**

Altering a provision of law concerning regulations adopted by the Secretary of Transportation for grievance procedures for employees under the Department of Transportation; authorizing an aggrieved employee to appeal decisions to the Office of Administrative Hearings or to another party, as specified; repealing provisions regarding the administration of specified disciplinary appeals by the Secretary of Budget and Management; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to establish appeal procedures through regulations and policy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 1245 Delegate Kach****RECORDATION TAX AND STATE TRANSFER TAX –  
EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting from recordation tax and State transfer tax specified instruments of writing transferring property from a transferor to a grandparent or stepgrandparent; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 1252 Delegate McMillan****NATURAL RESOURCES – LARGE-SCALE STRIPED BASS POACHING – PENALTIES**

Establishing that a person who commits specified fishing violations with respect to striped bass, and the violation results in the unlawful capture of striped bass worth over \$20,000 as determined by the proceeds of the unlawful capture, is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 2 years.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2011

**HB 1254 Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)****ENVIRONMENT – REDUCTION OF LEAD RISK IN HOUSING – REGISTRATION AND FEES**

Authorizing the Department of the Environment to alter by regulation the date by which specified rental dwelling units must be registered for a specified purpose and specified fees must be paid.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

**HB 1314 Delegate Myers****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY – DEFINITION**

Clarifying that specified utility services provided by a campground to campers incident to the campground's primary business of operating and maintaining the campground are not included in the definition of a "public service company" under the Public Utilities Article.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

**HB 1347 Delegate Bohanan****SOUTHERN MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL**

Establishing a Southern Maryland Higher Education Council; providing for the composition of the Council; requiring the Governor to appoint a chair from among the Council members; prohibiting a member from receiving compensation but entitling a member to reimbursement for specified expenses; providing for the duties of the Council; requiring the Council to submit an interim and a final report on its findings and recommendations on or before specified dates; providing for the termination of the Council; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011